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SUBJECT: DETWEILER'S ACTIVITIES PUBLICIZED

REF: CAIRO 6405;

1. ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGE PRESS IN CAIRO  
AUGUST 24 FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ON ACTIVITIES  
OF WELL-KNOWN US PROMOTER L.E. DETWEILER. HIS  
SUEZ CANAL ENLARGEMENT PLAN AS WELL AS OTHER  
PROPOSALS ARE MENTIONED, AMONG THEM "COMMON  
MARKET MULTI-TRANSPORT BRIDGE" (ACROSS ENGLISH  
CHANNEL), AND WORLDWIDE OCEAN ENERGY PROPOSALS.  
DETWELER IS REFERRED  
TO AS "MULTI-MILLIONAIRE  
AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIER" AND HIS MEETINGS  
WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND HIGH RANKING EGYPTIAN  
OFFICIALS ARE HIGHLIGHTED.

2. DETWEILER IS REPORTED AS SAYING THE WORLD  
IS LOSING 6 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN ADDITIONAL  
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TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES AND UNDERGOING SERIOUS

LOSSES OF BUSINESS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE 1967  
CLOSURE OF THE CANAL. HE ADDED THE SUEZ CANAL  
IS "THE MOST IMPORTANT AND BEST ECONOMIC WEAPON  
EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN  
WORLDWIDE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT FOR ITS  
VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS."

3. DETWEILER ARTICLE INDICATES HE WILL BE  
MEETING IN ISMAILIA WITH MIN HOUSING AND  
RECONSTRUCTION OSMAN AND SCA CHAIRMAN MASHOUR  
AUGUST 25 TO DISCUSS ALLEGED 4 BILLION DOLLAR  
PROJECT FOR ENLARGING THE CANAL AND SETTING  
UP TAX FREE ZONES.

4. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT ARTICLE WAS HANDED  
TO ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGE PRESS BY DETWEILER.  
TODAY'S ARABIC PRESS DOES NOT CARRY ANY SUCH  
ITEM, BUT IT COULD BE PICKED UP IN NEXT DAY  
OR SO.  
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